

8. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to [one of the claims 1 to 6,
characterized in

that] claim 1, wherein at least one of the core layer [13] and[/or] the at least one
connecting [elements 17, 17' are] element is provided with a damping element
[30].

9. (Once amended) Panel loudspeaker according to claim [7] 8,

[characterized in

that] wherein [the] a mechanical tension in the at least one connecting [elements
17, 17'] is different from the mechanical tension in the at least one tensioned
cover layer [layers 14o, 14u].

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification reflect certain amendments submitted in the
PCT phase by way of replacement sheets.

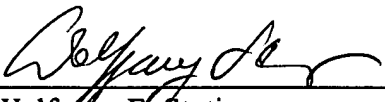
Claims 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7 which has
been cancelled. Amended claim 1 corresponds to amended PCT claim 1 which forms the
basis of the International Preliminary Examination Report. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 have been
amended to remove multiple dependency and conform the claims to US practice .

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-832-1000 (direct dial 617-832-1753).

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